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25X1 1. DESSAU-ROSSLAU (E17), 15-16 December 1949

a. About 5,000 young troops occupy the Heeres-Pionier Kaserne in ROSSLAU-WEINGARTEN. Some 80 percent wear black epaulets/red piping, the rest solid black; officers and a few older NCO's wear armored insignia.

b. Four garages in the woods could not be observed, but one on the Luckowerstrasse contained twenty T-34/85 tanks and thirty trucks, the latter in the T-4-43 series. Local residents claim that other vehicles were placed in garages during October and November and have not been seen since.

25X1 2. ZERBST (D98), 13-14 December 1949

a. Total strength in two barracks installations is estimated at about 2,800 young troops, all wearing black epaulets/red piping, and all taking basic training. Officers wear armored insignia.

b. There was heavy vehicle traffic between ZERBST and DESSAU

Local

residents allege that tanks are present, but none was seen

c. There was no air activity in the area during the observation period.

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